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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, and 30 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of measuring efflux of a chemical from a cell, or a population of cells the method including introducing the chemical to the cell and measuring an electrochemical property of a medium surrounding the cell with an electrochemical system which includes a working electrode and a reference electrode, the property being related to a concentration of the chemical in the medium, the method characterized by:

adding oxygen to the medium to increase a signal strength of the electrochemical property.

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